

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
OFFICE OF YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute**

The Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute (MYLI) is a four level year round leadership training and development program for young people in the District of Columbia, ages 14-19. The MYLI training model emphasizes practical hands-on experience and a holistic approach to developing leaders of the 21st century.

Each of the four levels of the MYLI training model, Alpha, Beta, Delta and Omega, has a different focus area:

*The Alpha level focuses on personal growth and development skills.*

*The Beta level focuses on community development.*

*The Delta level focuses on work readiness skills, life skills and career exploration.*

*The Omega level places Youth Leaders in internships.*

Common training themes throughout the program include:

*Team Building Skills  
Communication Skills  
Public Speaking  
Community Service*

*Personal Development  
Employability Skills  
City Government Structure  
College/Career Preparation*

New participants are recruited in the spring for the MYLI's *Summer Intensive Training* component. Youth leaders are selected through a rigorous screening process. The summer portion of our training is conducted for six weeks on a local college campus. It includes training seminars, community labs, youth government elections, cultural events, guest speakers and open discussion forums. The youth are also given the opportunity to spend three days and two nights at a local camp.

The *School Year* component of MYLI focuses on applying those skills learned during the summer. Activities include community service projects, general body meetings, youth related forums, and additional leadership development training. The MYLI youth are also called upon to represent the youth of the District of Columbia at events throughout the city, the country, and the world.

If you would like to receive more information on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute, please contact us at:

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